

ADOPTED 2005 BUDGET

DEPT: MILWAUKEE COUNTY FUND FOR THE ARTS

UNIT NO. 1974
FUND: General - 0001

OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 59.17 and 59.51(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the County Board may represent the County and have the

management of the business and concerns of the County in all cases where no other provision is made.

BUDGET SUMMARY			
	2003 <u>Actual</u>	2004 <u>Budget</u>	2005 <u>Budget</u>
Milwaukee County Fund for the Arts	\$ 495,000	\$ 371,250	\$ 352,688

MISSION

The Milwaukee County Fund for the Arts, through the Milwaukee County Cultural Artistic and Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC), allocates County property tax dollars to support and encourage cultural and artistic activities which have an important impact on the economic well-being and quality of life of the community.

On October 2, 1986, the County Board adopted resolutions (File Nos. 84-466 and 86-463) which specified that a non-departmental account be established for cultural programming to be administered by the County Board, with certain guidelines and criteria for awarding County arts funds. In addition, the Milwaukee County Cultural, Artistic and Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC) was created to advise the County Board, through the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Culture, with regard to the cultural, artistic and musical programming and endowment/grant components of County arts funding.

On November 9, 1989, the County Board adopted a resolution (File No. 88-631(a)(a)) which authorized and directed the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture to have administrative authority and responsibility for all County cultural programs previously administered by the County Board. To effectuate this authority, the Appropriation for County Arts Funding was transferred from the non-departmental account, Milwaukee County Fund for the Arts (Org. Unit 1974), to the Parks Department (Org. Unit 9000) operating budget.

The 1991 adopted budget re-established a non-departmental appropriation for County arts funding (Org. 1974). The administrative authority, appropriation request and responsibility for County

cultural programs, however, remained with the Parks Department.

On January 17, 1991, the County Board adopted a resolution (File No. 91-18(a)(a)) which authorized and awarded matching grants funds, rental subsidies and Artistic Development Program allocations to eligible organizations and individuals. The Board also authorized the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture to prepare contractual agreements with specific agencies for community cultural events and to enter into an agreement with the Milwaukee Foundation to administer Milwaukee County's performing and visual arts fund. Allocations of the cultural arts funds are recommended by CAMPAC.

I. Cultural, Artistic and Musical Programming

Under this program, Milwaukee County, through its administrative agent, the Milwaukee Foundation, will enter into contractual relationships with community organizations providing, either at a nominal charge or free to the public, specified cultural, artistic and musical performances, with priority given to those groups using County facilities.

(1) Community Cultural Events Program

Under this program category, Milwaukee County will, on an annual basis, determine the number and type of performances it desires to purchase through the solicitation of a Request for Proposals based on approved eligibility criteria and guidelines.

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Some of the funding has been allocated among the following agencies: City Ballet, Ko-Thi Dance Company, Latino Arts, Inc. (Friends of the Hispanic Community), Milwaukee High School Theater Festival, Milwaukee Inner City Arts Council, Milwaukee Public Theater and Walker's Point Center.

II. Endowments and Grants

Under this program, grants are awarded with the objective of promoting new and existing arts organizations. These grants are designed to help arts groups meet their operational and programming expenses.

(1) Matching Grants Program

This grant program provides a direct subsidy to professional performing arts organizations that meet established criteria.

Some of the matching grants received are from: the African American Children's Theater, Artists Series at the Pabst, Bel Canto Chorus, Boulevard Ensemble, City Ballet, Civic Music Association, Concord Chamber Orchestra, Dance-Sing, Danceworks, First Stage Milwaukee, Florentine Opera Company, Foothold, In Tandem Theater, Ko-Thi Dance Company, Latino Arts (Friends of Hispanic Community), Milwaukee Ballet, Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Milwaukee Children's Choir, Milwaukee Children's Theatre, Milwaukee Dance Theatre,

Milwaukee Inner City Arts Council, Milwaukee Public Theater, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Youth Symphony, Musical Offering, Ltd, Next Act Theater, Present Music, Renaissance Theaterworks, Skylight Opera Theater, Theater X, Walker's Point Theater for the Arts, Wild Space Dance Company and Woodland Pattern.

(2) Artistic Development Program

Under this program, project grants and technical assistance are provided to individual artists and art organizations that are not served by a major fund drive or a community organization that sponsors arts programs. This program is currently using criteria established by the Milwaukee Arts Foundation in the allocation of funds.

III. Administrative Services

The County Board of Supervisors has entered into an agreement with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to administer Milwaukee County's performing and visual arts fund under guidelines approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- The budget decreases \$18,562, from \$371,250 to \$352,688. The County will not receive state regranting funds of \$14,000 for 2005 because a budget of at least \$475,000 is the threshold required to capture these funds.